

CC Docket No. 02-6

Billed Entity Name: Indian Oasis Baboquivari District 40

Billed Entity Number: 143102

Application ID: 435737

Form 471

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Steven Owen, am submitting this Request for Waiver of the Form 471 deadline for the Indian Oasis Baboquivari Unified School District 40. As Director of Technology for the school district, I was responsible for the timely submission of Form 471 for telephone services.

As the new Director of Technology, I was in contact with the local telephone authority and submitted a Form 471 for their telephone services before the deadline had expired. At the time of the submission, I was unaware that the district uses two telephone authorities due to its distance from the closest large city, Tucson. The Tohono O'odham Utility Authority allows the district to contract through Qwest for a local direct line to Tucson from the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Since I was not aware of this collaboration between the two utility companies, I submitted a Form 471 only for the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority and did not submit a Form 471 for the amount that we pay for the Qwest local line to Tucson.

I deeply regret that my oversight may cost our school district monies that are needed to enhance the education of the students on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. I am asking that the deadline for the Form 471 be waived in this instance so that the mistake can be corrected by submitting a Form 471 specifically for the Qwest portion of the telephone bill. This request will be kept on file to ensure that in the future, this mistake is not repeated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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